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SECTO 15

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (ADDITION OF SECTO NUMBER)

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CENTO, MARR
SUBJECT: SECVISIT/ CENTO: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

1. STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING FOR 20 TH CENTO MINISTERIAL MEETING AFTERNOON OF JUNE 9 WENT WELL FROM USG VIEWPOINT.

2. CENTO SYG ASSAR, ADMITTING THAT CONSIDERATION OF HIS INNOVATIVE QUOTE RESOLUTION END QUOTE MIGHT BE MOST TIME CONSUMING ITEM ON AGENDA, SUGGESTED THEY BE CONSIDERED LAST. L

3. THAT CONSIDERATION STARTED ROCKILY WHEN IRANIAN DEL (ECHOED BY TURKS) SUGGESTED THAT STEERING COMMITTEE SEEMED TO BE PREEMPTING MINISTERIAL PREROGATIVE BY PRESUMING QUOTE AGREE END QUOTE ON TEXTS, BUT SHORT DEBATE ESTABLISHED COMMITTEE ONLY AGREEING ON WORDING. ACCEPTANCE OF SUBSTANCE MUST BE BY MINISTERS.

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4. PREDICTABLY, CENTO ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION CAUSED MAJOR CONCERN, BUT DEBATE WAS RELATIVELY LOW KEY AND RESTRAINED, USDEL PRSENTED SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION WHICH QUOTE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS MADE TOWARD COMMON ASSESSMENT END QUOTE AND CALLED ON COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES TO QUOTE ARRIVE AT AGREED TEXT IN LIGHT OF DISCUSSIONS BY MINISTERS AND ON BASIS CHANGES SUGGESTED BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. END QUOTE. ALSO DIRECTED THAT QUOTE UPON COMPLETION OF ASSESSMENT, SYG INITIATE PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH DEPUTIES REGARDING THE QUESTION OF POLITICAL GUIDANCE TO PROVIDE BASIS FOR MINISTERIAL CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL. END QUOTE.

5. PAKS TOOK STRONG LEAD IN ASKING FOR QUOTE URGENCY END QUOTE IN REVISING POLITICAL GUIDANCE, SUPPORTED BY OTHER REGIONALS, U. K. AND SYG, ALL OF WHOM KYEN PRESSED FOR SPECIFIC AND PROMPT TIMETABLE FOR SUBMISSION OF REVISION AND UPDATING OF 1959 GUIDANCE DOCUMENT.

6. AFTER CONSIDERABLE PERSUASION BY U. S. DEPUTY, AND WITH SUBSEQUENT HELP FROM THE BRITISH, ALL DEPUTIES AND SYG AGREED TO

MAKE TIMETABLE LESS RIGID. STEERING COMMITTEE ARRIVED AT LANGUAGE, AD REFERENDUM, BASED ON US DRAFT WHICH QUOTE ON BASIS OF AGREED SITUATION PAPER, DIRECTS COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON POLITICAL GUIDANCE WITH AIM OF REVISING AND UPDATING DOCUMENT CD/59/ D5 FOR SUBMISSION TO NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. END QUOTE

7. WHILE PAK DEL REMAINED INSISTENT ON QUOTE URGENCY END QUOTE OF REVISION, OUTCOME OF DEBATE APPEARS REASONABLE AND IT NOW RPT NOW HOPED MINISTERS WILL ACCEPT THIS RESOLUTION WITH AS LITTLE DEBATE AS OTHERS. FYI- ON IRANIAN INITIATIVE ECONOMIC RESOLUTION (A) WAS DROPPED AO REDUPDAPT WF MINISTERS APPROVED ECONOMIC COMOWTOEE REPORT. OTHER RESOLUTIONS WERE ACCEPTED WITH USDEL AMENDMENTS, INCLUDING CULTURAL APD PUBLITH AFFAIRS OTTDVHICH SYG HIMSELF SUBMITTED IN REVISED FORM, BASED ON US DRAFT.- END FYI.
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